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SUBJECT: SHOOTOUT IN ABADAN

SUMMARY: ONE MEMBER OF REPORTD IRAQI SABOTAGE TEAM SLAIN, MANY BYSTANDERS WOUNDED AND REMAINING TERRORISTS ESCAPED FOLLOWING AUGUST 24 SHOOTOUT WITH IRANIAN GENDARMES IN ABADAN. PRESS AND OTHER REPORTS DETAILED BUT SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY AND IDENTITY OF SABOTEURS' TARGET IS UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 25 REPORTS TWO IRAQI SABOTEURS CORNERED BY IRANIAN GENDARMES IN APPARENTLY CROWDED ABADAN STREET AFTER IRAQIS HAD STOLEN A CAR AND FAILED TO HALT AT GENDARME CHECKPOINT. OFFICERS PURSUING IN TAXI WERE SLOWED BY GRENADE BLAST WHICH KILLED TAXI DRIVER. GUERRILLAS ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE IN ANOTHER TAXI AND SHOT AND CRITICALLY WOUNDED TAXI DRIVER WHEN HE REFUSED TO HELP THEM. ONE OF SABOTEURS THEN FLED INTO CROWD AND HIS PARTNER WAS KILLED WHEN GRENADE HE ATTEMPTED TO THROW BLEW UP IN HIS FACE. FLYING BULLETS AND SHRAPNEL INJURED SOME 30 PEOPLE, SOME SERIOUSLY, INCLUDING ACCORDING DIFFERING REPORTS AS MANY AS SEVEN GENDARMES.

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2. AMCON KHORRAMSHAHR SUBMITTED VERSION OF INCIDENT WHICH

TALLIES IN MOST RESPECTS WITH NEWSPAPER COVERAGE THOUGH  
KHORRAMSHAHR REPORTS THAT ONE GENDARME ALSO SLAIN.

COMMENT: NEWS ARTICLES INCOMPLETE AND SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS.  
FOR EXAMPLE NO MENTION IS MADE OF POSSIBILITY THAT  
INJURIES TO INNOCENT BYSTANDERS CAUSED BY ANYONE BUT  
SABOTEURS, NO INDICATION OF REASON WHY GUERILLAS INTEN-  
TIONALLY ATTRACTED PURSUIT BY RUNNING CHECKPOINT OR  
CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY ABANDONED STOLEN CAR IN  
ABADAN. FINALLY NO SUGGESTION OFFERED AS TO WHAT THEIR  
MISSION OR TARGET MIGHT HAVE BEEN. KHORRAMSHAHR PICKED  
UP RUMOR THAT PLAN WAS TO DESTROY LARGE JETTY BUT TWO MEN  
ARMED WITH GREANDES AND FIREAMRS COULD DO LITTLE DAMAGE  
TO SUCH A FORMIDABLE TARGET. AS IS OFTEN THE CASE WITH  
IRANIAN REPORTAGE OF TERRORISTS INCIDENTS MUCH OF THE  
STORY EITHER WITHHELD OR UNKNOWN.  
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED BAGHDAD.

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